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Outraged Muslims draw sympathy from bishop

By Leila B. Salaverria

BISHOP TEODORO BACANI YESTERDAY EXpressed sympathy for Muslims who were outraged by Pope Benedict XVI's use of quotations critical of Islam, saying recent special circumstances that put them under scrutiny had made them sensitive.

Bacani said care and understanding should

OUTRAGED / A11



Sprays vs oil slick raise alarm bells

Chemical dispersants peril Guimaras marine life

By Leila B. Salaverria and TJ Burgonio

Inquirer

THE PHILIPPINE COAST Guard's use of chemical dispersants to clean up the worst oil spill in the nation's history has caused alarm among environmentalists who fear that it may cause more harm than good to marine life.

Since the MT Solar I sank in choppy waters off Guimaras on Aug. 11 and dumped into the sea an estimated half of the 2.19 million liters of industrial fuel oil it was carrying, the Coast Guard has sprayed 115,600 liters of dispersants in a bid to contain the damage.

The operation 24 km off Guimaras continues as small amounts of oil continue to trickle out of the tanker lying at the bottom of the sea.

Task Force Guimaras, headed by Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz Jr., has yet to make a final decision on a plan to siphon off the remaining cargo of oil the vessel was ferrying for Petron from Limay, Bataan, to Zamboanga del Sur. (See related stories in Across the Nation, Page A18)

PCG officials acknowledged that the chemical dispersants could have adverse effects but said their use prevented far greater damage because they stopped the oil from reaching land and damaging more marine resources.

Already, a significant amount of slick had lapped at the coastal areas of

SPRAYS / A4



START OF RAMADAN
A baby is left at the door of the Golden Mosque in Quiapo, Manila while its father joins other followers of Islam in prayer to observe the start of Ramadan, the Muslim fasting month.

The last moments of Solar I

THERE WERE UNSPEAKABLE MOMENTS OF horror as the crew valiantly but vainly tried to stop the MT Solar I from swaying violently from side to side in stormy seas before the oil tanker gave up the ghost, flipped over, and slowly sank to its chilly grave 650 meters on the sea floor south of Guimaras Island.

This chilling but heroic tale of bravery and tragedy at sea was pieced together by experts on board the Shinsei Maru, a Japanese research ship commissioned by Petron Corp. to send a remote operated vehicle (ROV) to the Solar I's final resting place to figure out what happened and what to do next.

TEAM *Report*
Fernando del Mundo
Chief

The last moments of the Solar I were put together by experts from the firm, London Offshore Consultants Pte. Ltd., who interviewed the crew of the ill-fated tanker and reviewed video footage of the sunken ship taken by the ROV submersible. A copy of the report was made available to the Inquirer.

The Solar I was loaded with 2.19 million liters of industrial fuel oil from Petron when it departed Bataan on Aug. 10 on its way to Zamboanga del Sur. The tanker experienced heavy seas and sought shelter north of Guimaras in the early hours of Aug. 11.

The report:

"On inspection, damage was found on the [bow] resulting in [water entering] the motor room, cargo gear room ... and the chain

THE LAST / A6

24-hour Scrabble for English literacy

By Vincent Cabreza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—TWO TEACHERS SAT FOR A SUCCESSion of scrabble matches with two businessmen for 24 hours.

It was a grueling set of games that began on Friday, and the competition ended up tossing made-up words on the board to try to earn points.

They smiled sheepishly when their attempts to push

24-HOUR / A11



Turbulent Thaksin era ends swiftly, bloodlessly

BANGKOK—BY THE TIME THAI Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra started fighting back from a New York hotel, it was too late. Tens of thousands of kilometers away, troops had started taking over Bangkok and his hastily arranged televised message to the nation was cut mid-flow.

After five years of electoral success and controversy, the political era of the billionaire telecommunications tycoon turned politician was fast closing on Sept. 19. It was effectively over at midnight when the revered King Bhumibol Adulyadej met with the coup leaders.

While Thaksin watched events on television in his hotel suite, Army Commander in Chief Gen. Sonthi Boonyaratglin was swiftly consolidating power in Thailand's capital in the country's first coup in 15 years.

Accounts of Thaksin's last moments in power coincided with disclosures yesterday that he may have whisked some of his assets out of Thailand aboard two aircraft before a military coup ousted him from power. (See story on Page A17.)

The long Tuesday night that changed the face of Thai politics was not entirely unexpected.

Revolt was in the air when Thaksin began a series of foreign trips 10 days earlier amid unexplained troop movements and a

TURBULENT / A11

RP democracy bleaker after Bangkok coup

By Amando Doronila

THE MILITARY SEIZURE OF POWER IN Thailand last week heralded the return of tanks to the streets of Bangkok as the harbinger of political change for the first time in 15 years.

ANALYSIS

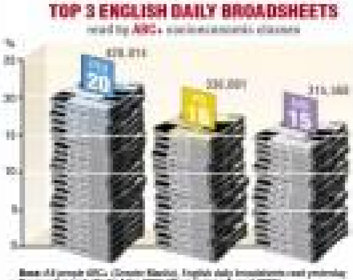
It was an undisguised coup, complete with tanks pointing their guns at the surrounded Government House in Bangkok, and it was swift and bloodless.

It was a rerun of the familiar footage of the era of revolving-chair military takeovers that plagued Thailand from 1932 to 2006, during which the military staged no fewer than 23 coup attempts.

The military takeover was the 18th coup in the 60-year reign of King Bhumibol

RP DEMOCRACY / A6

Metro AB, C+ classes prefer Inquirer, says poll



Base: All people ABC+ (Greater Manila), English daily broadsheets read yesterday
Source: Synovate Media Atlas 2006 (Wave 1: June-August 2006)
Total sample size: 1,148

THE PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER IS THE English daily newspaper of choice of one of every five residents of Metro Manila and adjacent areas belonging to the AB and C+ classes, according to a recent survey conducted by Synovate.

Synovate is the market research arm of Aegis Group Plc., a marketing services firm based in London.

Results of Synovate's first Media Atlas survey found that of the approximately 2.1 million Filipinos belonging to the AB and C+ classes in Greater Manila, 20 percent read the Inquirer, 16 percent the Philippine Star, and 15 percent the Manila Bulletin.

The Inquirer had an estimated readership of over 420,000 from the AB and C+ classes. The Philippine Star came in second with about 336,000 ABC+ readers, while the Bulletin placed third with over 315,000 ABC+ readers.

The Greater Manila area covered by the survey includes Metro Manila and nearby Bacoor in Cavite, San Pedro in Laguna, Antipolo City and Cainta in Rizal, and Meycauayan in Bulacan.

Households belonging to classes AB and C+ have monthly incomes of over P30,000. More than one in every 10 households (11.7 percent) in Greater Manila belong to the AB class, who earn more than P50,000 a month, while 13.6 percent belong to the upper C class, with a monthly household income of between P30,000 and P50,000.

The survey did not include households belonging to the E class, which has a monthly income of less than P8,000 a month.

Synovate said its Media Atlas survey used computer-assisted telephone interviews, in addition to face-to-face meetings, to overcome "the issue of home security barriers erected by the wealthier Manila residents."

METRO AB / A11

Filipinos share Thais' anxiety

By Roby Alampay

(Editor's Note: The writer, a former Inquirer reporter, is a Filipino journalist based in Bangkok as executive director of the Southeast Asian Press Alliance, a coalition of press advocacy groups.)

COMMENTARY

BANGKOK—Ordinary Thais have been posing for pictures beside tanks and offering flowers to smiling soldiers as their military rulers try to ease their anxieties with assurances that the power they seized in a bloodless coup last week will be restored soon un-

FILIPINOS / A6

WEATHER FORECAST

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DESPITE CHA-CHA DRIVE

GMA, allies mull over Senate bets

EVEN AS MALACAÑANG IS BENT ON PURSUING Charter change, President Macapagal-Arroyo and leaders of the administration coalition have begun talks on the candidates who would make up their slate for the Senate in the event the mid-term polls push through.

All sides getting ready for 'war' over Cha-cha in Supreme Court



FIRST DAY OF RAMADAN

After fertilizer, solon says GMA to hand out seeds for '07 campaign

Nene wants PNP chief's head

By TJ Burgonio

DOJ missing point of Nicole plaint, says lawyer

Aussie defense pact near





Southern Leyte schools top nat'l tests in all levels

By Jani Arnaiz
Inquirer Visayas

MAASIN CITY—TEN PUBLIC elementary schools in Southern Leyte swept the first 10 places in the National Achievement Test (NAT) conducted in March.

With this feat by the public elementary schools in Southern Leyte, the province has swept all the top places in the NAT, having also placed No. 1 in the NATs separately taken by freshmen and senior high school students nationwide last March.

According to DepEd Southern Leyte Division Supt. Violeta Alordja, the top 10 schools and their mean percentage scores (MPS) were: Bankagan Elementary Schools in Macrohon with 93.82 MPS, Tinago Elementary School in Tomas Oppus (93.16), Cambite Elementary School in Tomas Oppus (91.93), Malinao Elementary School in Hinunangan (91.65), Camogao Elementary School in Tomas Oppus (91.47), Tomas Oppus Central School in Tomas Oppus (91.36), Ubanas Elementary School in Hinunangan (91.03), Maslog Elementary School in Tomas Oppus (90.84), Lunop Elementary School in Macrohon (90.33) and Casayuran Elementary School in Bontoc (90.03).

These top 10 schools are all located in fifth-class municipalities. Except for the Tomas Oppus Central School, all are located in backwater villages. They are among the 38,000 public elementary schools nationwide that took the NAT for grade six students.

The Southern Leyte School Division also landed in first place in the NAT for fourth-year high school students for the year 2005-06 with an MPS of 55.56. Other school divisions in Eastern Visayas, in fact, bested the other 16 regions in the country by taking six of the top 10 slots.

Southern Leyte Gov. Rosette Lerias, who was informed of the feat during the Regional Development Council meeting in Tacloban City last Friday, could not hide her elation.

"It feels good whenever the provincial government contributes to the development of education. We are very proud of our students, the teachers of the Southern Leyte DepEd division and the Parents Teachers and Community Association (PTCA) of the province," Lerias told the Inquirer.

Alordja attributed the achievement of the schools to the students, teachers and parents who had been supportive of the division's academic program.

Schools throughout the province had conducted extended classes every Saturday for two hours in preparation for the NAT. The extended classes started as early as November last year in Math, English, Science and Social Studies.

In the NAT for first-year high school, three public high schools in Southern Leyte also captured the top three spots in the NAT conducted also in March. Five other public high schools in the province landed in the top 20.

For the regional ranking, Eastern Visayas topped all the 17 regions nationwide with an average MPS of 66.

The top three schools were the Maslog National High School in Tomas Oppus (81.48 MPS), Himayag National High School in San Francisco (79.97) and Pintuyan National Vocational High School in Pintuyan (78.69). These schools were also located in fifth-class municipalities.

Kin of OFWs, soldiers hailed as heroes on Family Week

By Cynthia D. Balana











Sprays vs oil slick raise alarm bells

Dispersants

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Lesser evil

Astonishing recommendation

Yield in southern reefs

Best to leave to nature





The last moments of Solar I

Starboard list

Bow slowly submerged

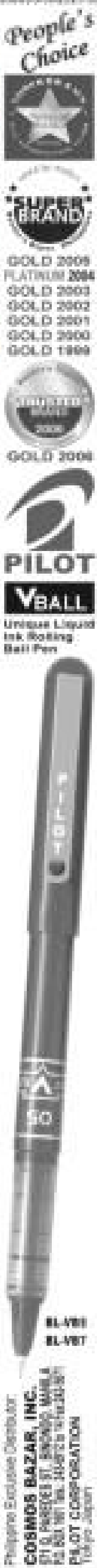
Vessel was upside down

Town mayor shot dead

Boy shot off power tower







RP democracy bleaker after Bangkok coup

Circumstances different

Same issues

Forlorn democratic outpost

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Are tanks coming?

Filipinos share Thais' anxiety

Travails of two peoples

Divided people

The poor as power base

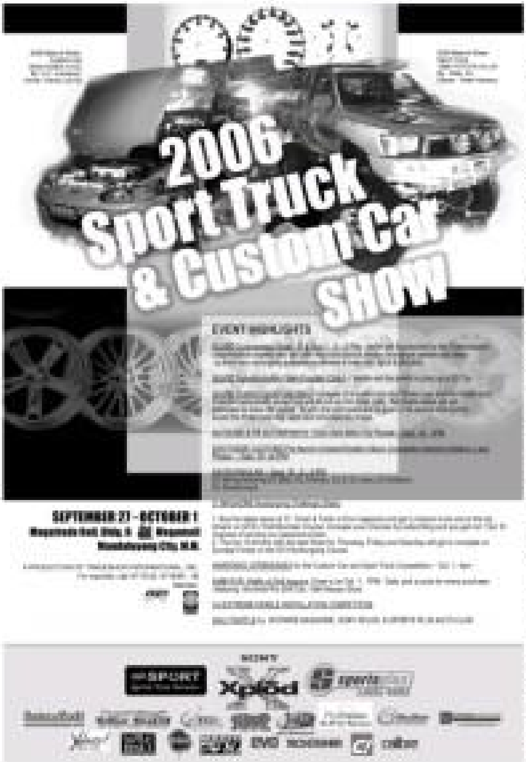
Military's role

Imperfect democracies

Vicious cycle

Painful way out

Search for choices



Quezon City gov't urged to shut down PSBA campus

THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER Education (CHED) wants the Quezon City government to close down the campus of the Philippine School of Business Administration (PSBA) following complaints that diggings at the school could cause its buildings to collapse.

CHED deputy executive director Julito Vitriolo called on Mayor Feliciano Belmonte to order the closure of the school and probe the diggings on its campus.

"The agency is urging Mayor Belmonte through the city engineering department to heed the city council's appeal and other groups to temporarily order a closure of the said school to allow a probe team to verify reports on the alleged diggings," Vitriolo told reporters.

He said the diggings on the campus, being supposedly undertaken by treasure hunters looking for the fabled Yamashita treasure, "can no longer be ignored," warning this could "possibly result in the loss of lives."

Earlier, the QC council approved an investigation into the alleged treasure hunt, citing documents and letters of appeal from concerned students, parents and other groups. The QC council also recommended the temporary closure of PSBA.

The resolution was passed after an investigation was conducted into the reported digging of several tunnels at the school compound located along Aurora Boulevard. *Alcuin Papa*

Peace talks could hinge on MILF stand on veto

Even after war, OFWs continue to flee Beirut

'Help OFWs get loans'

'Sacadas' to get PhilHealth cards





POPE Benedict XVI leads the weekly Angelus blessings in front of a tapestry of Jesus holding an olive branch, at his summer residence at Castelgandolfo outside Rome. AP PHOTO

Metro AB, C+ classes prefer Inquirer

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Through this method, Synovate was able to contact more respondents in gated villages, who are not usually reached by other pollsters.

The results show "dramatically increased reach for media aimed at the affluent and middle classes, especially for newspapers and magazines," said Carole Santos, managing director for Synovate Philippines, in a media release.

The survey was conducted from June to August this year. It had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.2 percentage points. It covered 1,149 representative respondents aged 15 to 64 years. They were asked about their media consumption, ownership of a range of products, lifestyle, values and attitudes.

3M readers in capital

The survey also showed that 42 percent, or nearly 3 million, of 6.96 million Filipinos across socioeconomic classes ABC and D in Greater Manila said they read newspapers daily.

Approximately 30 percent (just under 1 million) said that they read any English daily newspaper, while 31 percent (approximately 2.2 million) said they read a Filipino daily newspaper. Magazine readership was at 3.3 million.

The Synovate survey showed that Inquirer readers came mostly from the AB class (50 percent) and C+ class (31 percent).

The same survey showed that 51 percent of Manila Bulletin readers came from the lower C and D markets. Households in the lower C class have monthly incomes of between P15,000 and P30,000, while those in the D class earn between P8,000 and P15,000 a month.

Large TV audience

Roughly one in every four households surveyed (25.9 percent) belonged to the lower C class.

Across classes AB, C and D in Greater Manila, the Manila Bulletin had an estimated readership of 654,000. The Inquirer had over 614,000 readers, while the Philippine Star had 503,000 readers.

Virtually all of those surveyed watched TV, with 93 percent saying they had watched TV the day before. On the other hand, 60 percent said they had listened to the radio over the previous week, while 28 percent said they had watched a movie during the previous month.

The poll also found that 39 percent of those surveyed, or more than 2.7 million, had Internet access.

In a survey conducted by Nielsen Media Research in February, the Philippine Daily Inquirer ranked No. 1, with 2,516,000 daily readers nationwide.

The survey, called the "Media Index," ranked the Manila Bulletin second with 2,455,000 readers, and the Philippine Star third with about 835,000 readers nationwide.

The survey covered 2,500 respondents aged 10 years old and above from all socioeconomic classes in Metro Manila and 20 cities in Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao. It had a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points. —Kate Y. Pedroso, Inquirer Research

Outraged Muslims draw sympathy from bishop

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be taken in making statements so as not to offend followers of Islam. He also said he hoped that Muslims would not resort to violence as a response to perceived offenses.

The prelate said it was not Pope Benedict's intention to insult Muslims by quoting a 14th-century Byzantine emperor's unflattering remarks about Islam and that the Pontiff had explained that he did not share the view and had apologized for the outcry they provoked.

Bacani, however, added that any backlash would have been prevented had the Pontiff followed the "unfortunate quotation" from the emperor with an immediate disclaimer that he was not of the same opinion. He said he was surprised that nobody had advised the Pope to do so.

"Show me just what Mohammed brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached," the Pope quoted Manuel II Paleologus as saying.

The quote drew criticism from Islamic communities, and the Pope subsequently issued an apology.

Speaking over the Church-run Radio Veritas yesterday, Bacani said Islam also taught good values, which was why people should be more understanding and careful about what they say about Muslims.

He pointed out, however, that Muslims nowadays were viewed with suspicion following recent terror incidents, like the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States, or the kidnappings by the Abu Sayyaf Group in Mindanao.

Viewed with suspicion

"At present, we are in a sensitive situation. The special circumstances at this time are many Muslims feel that they are under suspicion, that they are viewed as bad people or terrorists," Bacani said.

The bishop said he saw this for himself and sympathized with them, when he was coming home from the United States, he saw a Middle Eastern or Indian-looking man stopped, questioned and his passport scrutinized at the tube leading to the airplane, while he was not subjected to a similar treatment.

"I didn't look any kinder than that man, but they let me pass," he said.

He said it was this kind of situation that led Muslims to be sensitive, and made their reactions to perceived offenses understandable.

Bacani also said the entire Muslim population should not be judged by the actions of Islamic extremists. He said that violent groups were not just present among the followers of Islam but also among Christians as well. He said that the past two world wars were fought by Christian nations.

"Even if we debate about issues, it should remain verbal and at the end, we should strive to understand one another," he said.

To err is human

Human beings, even men of the cloth like popes, cardinals or bishops, make mistakes, too, said Bacani.

He said that the best course of action to take was to seek forgiveness, which was what Pope Benedict XVI did, not because he said something wrong, but because there was a lack of explanation in his speech.

"As they say to err is human, to forgive divine. Let's hope that our faith in God and that of Muslims would prevail. All of these would help us seek mutual understanding each other," he said.

Loren won't drop protest despite being top pick for senator per poll

By Cynthia D. Balana

FORMER SEN. LOREN Legarda will not withdraw her election protest against Vice President Noli de Castro despite surveys showing her as the possible topnotcher in next year's senatorial elections.

In an interview Saturday night, Legarda dismissed speculation she would soon abandon her protest to run for the Senate.

Legarda said she was not even sure there would be elections next year, noting that Charter change advocates were aggressive in pursuing a shift to a parliamentary form of government.

She said she would rather pursue her protest to the end and take care of her sons.

Legarda said she was confident she would be able to prove she actually won in the provinces, particularly in Cebu and Lanao del Sur, where she claimed she was cheated in the May 2004 elections.

Unwise

According to her, it would be unwise to abandon her case at this point because the presentation of evidence to prove her allegations was already taking place before the Supreme Court, sitting as the Presidential Electoral Tribunal (PET).

"I have no bitterness in my heart against Noli de Castro. That's politics. But I know that he benefited from fraud and we have evidence to prove that. I am pursuing my protest in order for the truth to come out. It was not just me who was cheated but also the people who voted for me," Legarda said.

Legarda admitted that pursuing her protest was an uphill and lonely battle.

She said she was running out of money but this would not dampen her spirit.

Legarda said she would ask the PET to allow media access to the hearings to "prevent the other side from twisting" the truth.

She particularly took a swipe at De Castro's lead counsel, Romulo Macalintal, for suggesting that she withdraw her protest if she intended to run for the Senate next year.

"That decision is mine and mine alone to make. Mr. De Castro's lawyer should at least have the decency to limit his advice to his client since what he is doing betrays the lack of professionalism. He should mind his own business," she said.

Legarda stressed that her protest before the PET had become the only avenue left open for the truth to come out as to who really won the vice presidency.

In the PET hearing on Sept. 18, the former chair of the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (Namfrel) in Lanao del Sur said there was massive fraud committed in the province in 2004.

Abdullah Lucy Dalipilig identified as genuine the election returns from Lanao del Sur that Legarda's lawyers had submitted to the PET as evidence.

Winners

Dalipilig affirmed what he said to be affidavit that the late Fernando Poe Jr. and his running mate, Legarda, had won the election in Lanao del Sur based on Namfrel's copies of election returns.

Legarda said the figures in the Namfrel's ERs from Lanao del Sur and compare copies with the Commission on Elections (Comelec) matched.

However, the ERs that went to the House of Representatives showed different figures from certified copies of ERs given to Namfrel and the Comelec.

Dalipilig said he was surprised in July 2004 to hear Namfrel's national chair say that the elections in Lanao del Sur were clean and honest when they were not.

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Camp Aguinaldo can't be sold or leased

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Neal H. Cruz

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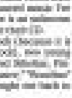
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24-hour Scrabble to champion English literacy



WORD POWER: Scrabble enthusiasts play 24-hour marathon matches in Baguio to drum up support for their proposal to make Scrabble a teaching aid in English literacy classes.

No response yet

Previous record: 14 hours

Simple board game helps

A legacy

Where is Thaksin's wealth?

Turbulent Thaksin era . . .

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Remove tanker, CBCP head pleads

Oil debris now in Misamis

ILOILO CITY—CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE OF THE Philippines (CBCP) president Angel Lagdameo has called for the immediate removal of the remaining bunker fuel from the sunken tanker Solar I.

'Fallen on deaf ears'

Found dead

Negotiations



Opposition lays groundwork for 2007 polls

By Alex Pal



ROUNDUP

SC affirms vice mayor's proclamation

Fire guts warehouse

3 subdivision guards killed

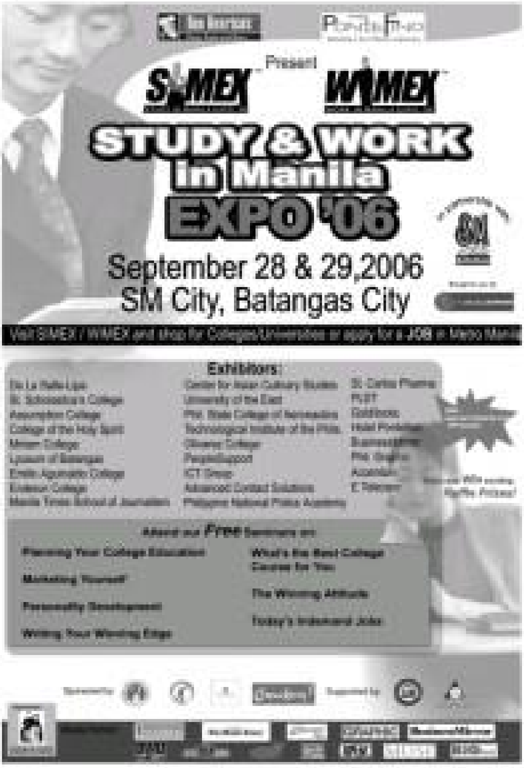
Farm hand gets jail for bank robbery

Electric shock for guards

Bad water downs 30 students

3 linemen abducted in Lanao

Suspect in killing of witness nabbed



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Duque: Junk old tires to prevent dengue spread

BAGUIO CITY—TO REDUCE THE NUMBER of cases of dengue fever infection, old tires must be junked.

Decrease

Batangas

Army exec denies pullout of troops from Central Luzon for MILF war

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon







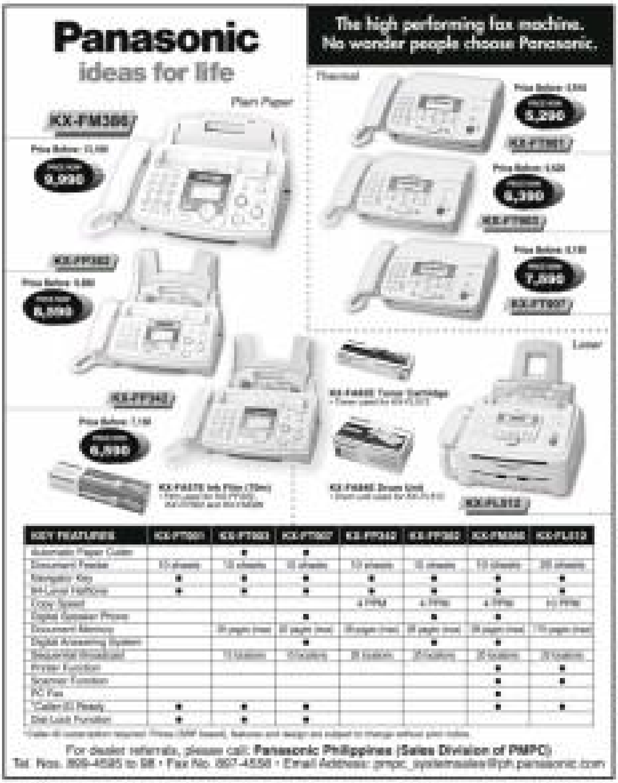
Halsema to open markets, attract investments, says Yap





SECRETARY Arthur Yap leads the opening of the 'Tindahan Natin' store at the Philippine Military Academy at Fort Del Pilar in Baguio City.

Villagers say water to bring peace



P91B in projects in E. Visayas to help make RP 'success story'

By Vicente S. Labro

Priority programs and projects

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News

Nothing in way of Jusmag sale now, says AFP

Property bought for P12M

Soldiers' housing needs

A plus METRO
Editor Ester G. Dipasupil



BEAUTIFUL CREATURES
Butterflies brighten up an otherwise gloomy morning at the Quezon Memorial Circle in Quezon City. On weekends, families flock to the park's Butterfly Garden to see these graceful creatures mingle with flowers.

RESTO ROBBERY AFTERMATH

QC cops tighten watch on firms

By Nancy C. Carvajal

POLICE HAVE TIGHTENED THEIR WATCH on establishments in Quezon City particularly along Katipunan Avenue, after armed men held up customers of a restaurant in the area over a week ago.

According to a police report obtained by the Inquirer, six men barged into Pancake House in front of Ateneo de Manila University at around 9 a.m. last Sept. 15.

At gunpoint, they divested the customers of their valuables, which included cellular phones, an undetermined amount of cash, jewelry, ATM and credit cards, even car and house keys.

The police estimated the loot taken by the robbers at close to P4 million. Among the valuables taken from the customers, based on the police report, was a Rolex watch worth P1.2 million and a diamond-studded bracelet worth at least half a million pesos.

"We have deployed additional officers in the area and intensified the operation against the suspects," Supt. [illegible], Quezon City Police District intelligence chief, told the Inquirer.

He did not give additional details except to say that police operatives were closing in on the suspects which could result in their arrest.

Victim complains to PNP chief

The Inquirer learned of the robbery only recently when one of the victims, Assistant Solicitor General Karl B. Miranda, sent the editors a copy of his letter which was addressed to Philippine National Police chief Oscar Calderon.

Miranda, in his letter, expressed serious concern over "the apparent impunity these criminals seem to have."

He added that what concerned him more was that the crime was committed in broad daylight, with lots of students and people present.

Miranda said that at the time of the robbery, all food establishments on Katipunan Avenue were packed with the relatives of students who were then taking the Ateneo admission test.

He also expressed his deep concern over the fact that this was not the first time the same restaurant was robbed, saying a similar incident had happened two years ago.

Full cooperation

Sought for comment, the management of Pancake House, through its lawyer [illegible], said that they were fully cooperating with authorities in the investigation and would also install additional security measures in its Katipunan branch.

"Pancake House is taking all measures to provide additional security to its customers by engaging a security service and by being in constant communication with the police and barangay officials," [illegible] said.

He added that management is taking all steps for the speedy resolution of the crime and the subsequent arrest of the robbers.

As part of the increased security, a closed circuit TV system would also be installed to monitor all activities in the restaurant at all times, the lawyer said.

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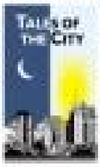
THE SHOE INDUSTRY IN MARIKINA City was started by Don Laureano "Kapitan Moy" Guevara, owner of a hemp shop for slippers and wooden clogs. In 1887, he bought a pair of imported shoes and ordered his workers to copy it. The workers took the shoes apart and put them back together using the trial and error method. Kapitan Moy then went on to make sure that other Marikeños, who subsisted largely on fishing and farming, learned the new skill. As a result, shoemaking began to thrive in the area.

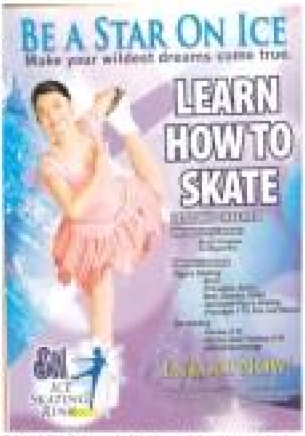
In 1935, Marikina had 139 shops producing about 200,000 pairs of shoes for men and women. Around 2,458 residents were engaged in the industry. By 1980, Marikina was producing 70 percent of shoes in the Philippines.

Registered shoemakers in the area reportedly numbered thousands during the industry's heyday but as of January 2006, only 237 remained. Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research

Tropical RP produces champion ice skater







Hands off gov't property, cops warn

By Margaux C. Ortiz

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Caught red-handed

[illegible]

MMDA offers help in replanting trees

By Tarra V. Quismundo

[illegible]

Tropical RP produces champion ice skater

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VOLVO'S IRONMARK BACK IN THE CENTER

At the heart of the Volvo Logo is the iron mark – the universally recognized symbol for strength and endurance. Almost 80 years old, it now makes a grand comeback as an updated logotype. From a less prominent position in the grille of all Volvo vehicles for many years, the logo has now been brought back into the centre. Literally.

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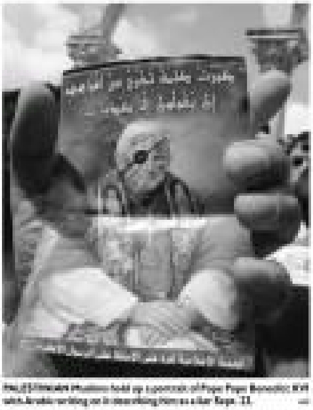
VOLVO LUXURY IS NOW EVEN MORE WITHIN REACH

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Karzai: Abolish Islamic schools that teach hatred, produce suicide bombers

Spain's ex-PM hits Muslims for demanding Pope's apology



US apologizes after Venezuelan FM detained at airport



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Disintegration of Big 3 US carmakers accelerates



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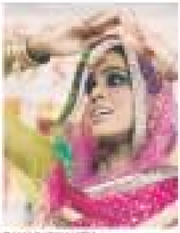
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Chopper missing in Nepal with 24 people aboard

In US, shortened wait for new lungs

Burma military supremo paves way for successor

Home burials for Christians executed in Indonesia



DUSKY BEAUTY

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Saudi says no proof Bin Laden dead

WASHINGTON—SAUDI ARABIA SAID ON SUNDAY IT HAD no evidence that Osama bin Laden had died, shedding further doubt on a secret document leaked in France that said Saudi secret services believed he had died last month.



UNDATED photo of Saudi-born millionaire Osama bin Laden. AP

Hungarians hold biggest protest, but PM holds on



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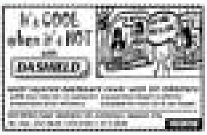
Last-gasp Kramer shot lifts Eagles

Ateneo snatches Finals' Game 1 over hard-fighting UST Tigers

THE ATENEO BLUE Eagles got their escape act down pat.



ATENEO'S Doug Kramer celebrates after scoring the winning basket in yesterday's game.









Kings will try to look good on court, too



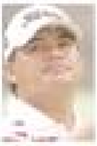
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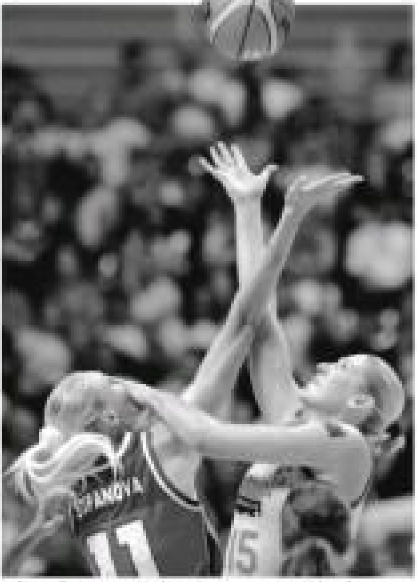
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Finally, Argentina gets shot at trophy



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Miriam, Lyceum near 'WNC' titles



Aussies bag women's basketball crown

Chelsea back on top; Arsenal, Liverpool score



RP dance athletes make waves

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Favored Siso rips Tunacao



No stopping Europe

US pins Ryder chances on singles matches



'El Niño' blows 'em away again

Casey makes Cup history with match-clinching ace



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BUSINESS

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Gov't debt service payments jump 20% to ₱526B

Local obligations accounted for 75% of 8-month outlay

By Michelle V. Remo

THE ARROYO ADMINISTRATION SPENT P526.45 BILLION in the first eight months of the year to service its debts, or 20-percent more than the P439.65 billion it shelled out a year ago.

Documents from the Department of Finance showed that the national government disbursed P305.04 billion for principal obligations and P221.41 billion in interest payments from January to August this year.

Servicing of local debts accounted for P398.77 billion, with foreign obligations taking the remaining P127.68 billion.

The Philippines has chosen to pay religiously its liabilities as these fall due given the adverse impact of a

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Zobels' money machine

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Gov't debt service payments jump 20%



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Compatible



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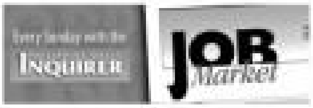
URC to expand agribusiness units in 2007

Bank earmarks ₱600M for Filipinos abroad

SEC still reluctant to renew dealer license of troubled pre-need firm









Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid



The other Thai uprising

No Free Lunch

Cielito F. Habito



Consumers vs retailers

Two levels

Giants vs midgets

Safeguarding the small

'Hot money' inflow down 47% to $1.05B

By Michelle V. Remo

Lack of takers plagues Transco bid

SB Corp. lending to small businesses up 23% to ₱2B

Agency adopts 'risk-based' system to expand reach



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Tata group to tap RP as IT hub

Conglomerate cites Filipinos' skills

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Peoplesupport opens center in Mindanao

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Transmission firm nets ₱10.8B as of July

Transco seen exceeding 2005 income

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Sun Life sales hit P3B

Mutual funds gaining popularity, firm says

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Chinese feast on Bohol sights

Rehabilitated SLEX to charge lowest toll rate in RP, says builder

Gov't seen losing ₱80B/year due to import perks

Finance backs measure limiting incentives coverage

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BUSINESS *Monday*

Business Features Editor
Magde Quimpo-Espino

Creating brands for famous Pinoy *pasalubong*

Local delicacies becoming multibillion-peso business

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—From a startup capital of P80 in 1990, the polvoron and pastillas business of couple Redentor and Fatima del Rosario has grown to a P2 million venture.

On Tuesday, their enterprise, called [illegible] Delicacies, as well as 30 other small businesses earned the trademark "[illegible] Pampanga".

The brand, which stands for excellence in food products standards, would allow [illegible] Delicacies to sell more in the export market, says Corazon Cruz-Evangelista, Department of Trade and Industry undersecretary for regional operations.

The brand, launched last Tuesday, qualifies the company to be part of the government's "One Town, One Product (Otop)" marketing program that in 2005 posted export sales of $111.98 million out of various products from 16 regions, Cruz-Evangelista tells the Inquirer.

Domestic sales from out of 130 Otop pasalubong centers and 1,110 outlets totaled P2.17 billion last year, she says.

On top of that, 3,000 new medium to small enterprises created at least 330,423 jobs over the last 18 months, she adds.

According to her, among the top sellers are [illegible] or coco crafts from [illegible], Quezon; processed bangus from Pangasinan; chicharon from Bulacan; paper mache and woodcarved items from Laguna; gifts and holiday decorations from Rizal; [illegible] from Aurora; jewelry from Meycauayan, Bulacan; ceramics from Sto. Tomas and furniture from [illegible], both in Pampanga; mangoes from [illegible]; [illegible] from Capiz, [illegible] and marine products from General Santos City.

These products have penetrated the United States, Europe, Australia, Japan and Hong Kong markets, Cruz-Evangelista says.

Aside from [illegible] Delicacies, others that were given certificates of accreditation that allowed them to carry the "[illegible] Pampanga" brand were [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Brownies and Delicacies, [illegible]

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CEO challenge to sustainable CSR

MAPping the Future

Fernando Zobel de Ayala



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Education

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Culture

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Literacy

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Demanding 101% from your people







‘Doing well’ and ‘doing good’ now go hand-in-hand

Mobile Filipinos keeping ‘radio habits’

Creating brands . . .



The provincial government has set aside P1 million for the promotion of local brands.

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Video conference generates money for tourist spots

A Leader's Way

Why we need foreign brands



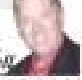
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Effective leadership

A LEADER'S WAY



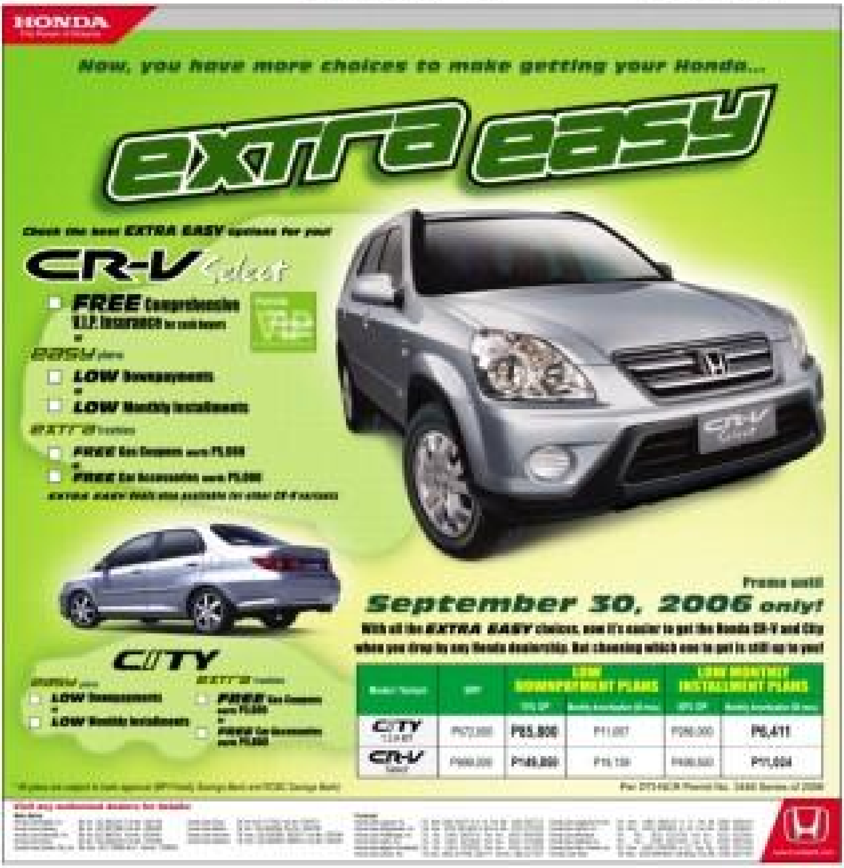
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Why we need foreign brands

Part of increasing country's competitiveness in services



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Kenyan coffee farmers ignorant of export system

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Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

Making malls safer than the streets

Rising poverty spells security risk; shopping malls tighten measures

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE HIGH INCIDENCE of poverty in the Philippines, where practically half of the population lives on less than $2 a day, means one thing to the country's retail industry: A great security risk.

Because of desperation born out of hunger and also the desire for a quick buck, criminal elements prowl the streets for easy targets. And the malls, where many Filipinos congregate and spend or shop, become or further, are a favorite hunting ground.

Government data on shoplifting and criminal incidents in malls and retail establishments are sketchy and outdated, but reports say that some syndicates prefer to shoplift or remove items from the store and then turn around and sell them in the black market.

But there are those who would rather just prey on the shoppers and get their money and valuables. Cash is always the better commodity, and they no longer have to worry about where to sell their stolen goods.

Mall operators and retail establishments are well aware of these risks that go with their territory, which is why they allot a good part of their time and effort into tightening their security measures, especially in these days of rising crime rates.

It is in their best interest to do so, not only to take care of their inventory, but also to keep customers coming in through their doors.

Consumers need to feel safe while window shopping and going the round of the stores, which is why security is now a factor in choosing where they will park their cash.

They want to feel safe in their favorite mall, as if they were in their own home.

The Araneta Center in Cubao, Quezon City, a densely-populated residential area in the capital of Metro Manila, particularly suffered from a perception of lax security.

Up until a few years ago when the Araneta group decided to spend on upgrading its shopping center, putting it at par with the more modern centers in the city, Araneta Center was perceived to be rife with criminality.

Only shoppers from the middle to lower income classes went there, with the moneyed class avoiding it altogether for fear of being robbed.

But following the refurbishment, highlighted by the successful opening of the high-end Gateway Mall in 2004, crowds have returned to the center and new stores are coming in.

Unlike as recently as five years ago, the Araneta Center is now bathed in lights. Policemen and security guards are visible and a platoon of K-9 dogs regularly patrols the perimeter as well as the parking areas to check against crime.

The Araneta group has also tapped security personnel in plain clothes to blend easily with the crowd and spot suspicious people before they can commit any crime.

These elements put together pro-

MAKING B3-2



HOW safe are you while shopping? Mall owners retool their security measures.

What drives an entrepreneur

By Dr. Eduardo A. Morató Jr.
Professor, Asian Institute of Management

IN A MAJOR RESEARCH UNDERTAKEN BY this writer, the key question posed was—what motivates, encourages and influences entrepreneurs to set up and grow their businesses?

Entrepreneurship and enterprise creation are critical strategic interventions in any country's drive to increase wealth and reduce poverty. Enterprises produce goods and services while providing jobs. The Global Entrepreneurship Monitoring (GEM) Report (2001) cited a strong correlation between entrepreneurial activity and economic growth as revealed by their studies on 29 countries. For the Philippines, this was validated by the writer's time series analysis (1970-2001) showing the correlation between the establishment of new enterprises and gross domestic product (GDP).

From the 21-year data base, the researcher discerned a revealing pattern. The dramatic growth in new enterprises coincided with periods of high political and social stability (i.e., the first seven years of martial law, the first three years of President Cory Aquino's government and the entire six years of President Fidel Ramos). The abrupt entrepreneurship falls coincided with periods of high political and social instability (i.e., the waning years of President Ferdinand Marcos when he was reportedly sick, the last three years of Aquino following the military coups and power crisis, and the years of President Joseph Estrada).

The researcher concluded that political and social stability is the necessary condition that would create an attractive economic environment for entrepreneurship. See Historical Trends and Growth Rates of New Enterprises, Employment and GDP below.

The researcher also embarked on a nationwide survey of 190 entrepreneurs in six high growth regions and two low growth regions in the Philippines. The objective of the research was to validate the importance of 209 specific factors motivating, encouraging and influencing entrepreneurship as cited by entrepreneurs in an open-ended survey questionnaire. This was pared down to 59 most frequently cited factors, which were subjected to a close-ended questionnaire. From the 59 specific factors, the researcher concluded that seven general factors influence entrepreneurship significantly. These are:

1. Macroenvironmental factors: Political, economic and social

2. Cost of doing business: Includes logistics and transport costs, utilities, credit, taxes, incentives, informal and extra-legal costs

3. Cost of producing products and delivering services: Includes raw materials, supplies, semi-processed goods, cost of operating machinery, professional services, labor costs, overhead expenses, rent, etc.

4. Market opportunities: Actual and potential demand and supply conditions, market and customer characteristics, needs and wants, market structure and environment, market trends

5. Industry clusters: The concentration of competing and complementary enterprises within an area

6. Ancillary and linked industries: Industries and enterprises that comprise the supply and market chains of a major industry grouping

7. The Entrepreneur: The characteristics, traits, personal conditions, background, values, skills, education, training and history of the entrepreneurs themselves

The survey yielded a major conclusion: Entrepreneurs, first and foremost, look at themselves, their personal capital and their capacity to set up enterprise before venturing into business.

At the same time, they are very sensitive to the investment signals sent by the macro environment. If the investment climate looks favorable, they muster the confidence to invest.

Next, they assess the burden of producing their products or services, which are driven by the two major costs—raw materials and labor costs—and by the cost of doing business... led by infrastructure and utilities. Then, they evaluate the industry cluster conditions, focusing on the availability of capital, raw materials and natural resources.

Along with this, entrepreneurs examine the related, ancillary and support services they can avail of. Finally the entrepreneurs discern the attractiveness of the market opportunities presenting themselves in terms of their profit and growth potentials.

Filipinos say globalization good for them–survey

73 percent cite increased job and career opportunities



GOINGS-ON

TBWA has new int'l president

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Transcription training center opens

Lack of PCs in RP presents pitfalls, opportunities



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SM's 27th mall opens in Lipa City



Making malls safer than the streets

Ayala malls

Ortigas Shopping Center

E-Games to introduce new fantasy game

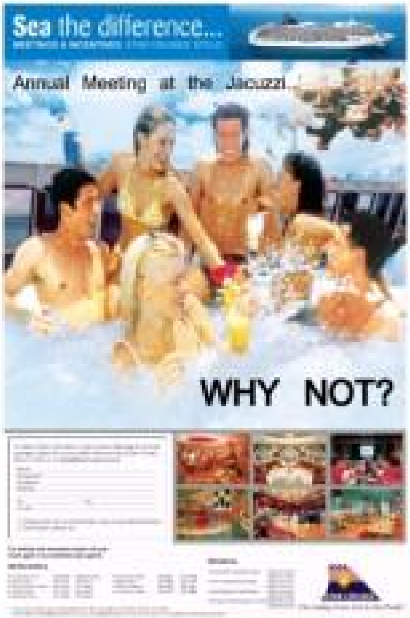








Level Up! exec confirms resignation of senior executives



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New media guidelines put leash on Thai websites

By Erwin Oliva



FILIPINO indie bands will get a chance to sell their music online.

Local indie bands find home online

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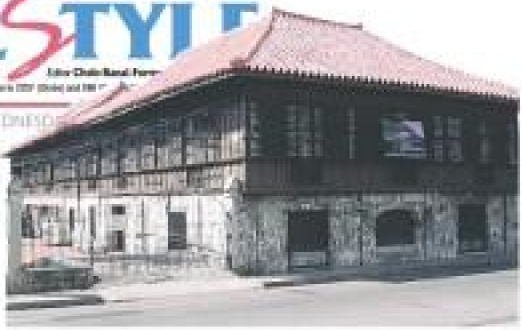
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Casa Gorordo of Cebu, heritage icon

A CENTURY-OLD vine on a trellis in the *azotea*



CASA Gorordo before the restoration

CASA GORORDO IN CEBU reopened recently after being closed for a year for extensive conservation work.

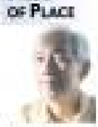
Casa Gorordo Museum is one of Cebu's premier attractions, visited by an unending stream of tourists and students. But its popularity was double-edged.

The numerous tour groups wore out the structure. Parts of the structure, not designed to accommodate the weight of too many people walking about, had begun to sag.

Water had also begun to seep into the ground-floor coral stone walls, the dampness seriously weakening the stones.

The sag has been corrected, the water seepage diffused with circular drainage. Other structural interventions corrected problems caused by wear and tear.

PRIDE OF PLACE



Augusto F. Villalon

Casa Gorordo's existing collection of heritage furniture and furnishings have been radically expanded. All the existing pieces have been refurbished.

The museum is ready to receive visitors once again, but, this time, to protect the structural system of the house, controls have been imposed on the number of visitors allowed to be inside the house at one time.

The 1982 restoration of Casa Gorordo by the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. (RAFI) pioneered the concept of conservation in Cebu, establishing the first lifestyle museum outside of Manila.

The house originally belonged to the Gorordo family whose most illustrious member, Juan Gorordo, became the first Filipino archbishop of Cebu, in 1910-1932. Family memorabilia still remain in the historic house.

Casa Gorordo is one of three remaining Spanish colonial-era *bahay na bato* (or called in Cebuano *balay* because of its [illegible]) in the Parian district of Cebu City, where the city's first families once lived.

Today the only other remaining Parian house is undergoing conservation and has become the center for reviving old Parian traditions, such as the yearly Parian fiesta and the processions that wend from the district to the Cathedral (or Minor Basilica) and back to Plaza Parian, where neighbors serve breakfast at dawn of each of the nine days preceding Christmas.

The last Spanish colonial house in the district, formerly the Jesuit residence for the Cebu province, is now a hardware warehouse. However, enough of its original grand structure remains.

After the Second World War generation moved out, the district changed into a middle class residential enclave strategically situated in the city center, a walking distance from the Cathedral, City Hall, docks, universities, and the central business and shopping centers.

Although the restoration of Casa Gorordo has caused a mild ripple of gentrification in the area, commercialism has also steadily crept in.

Highlight

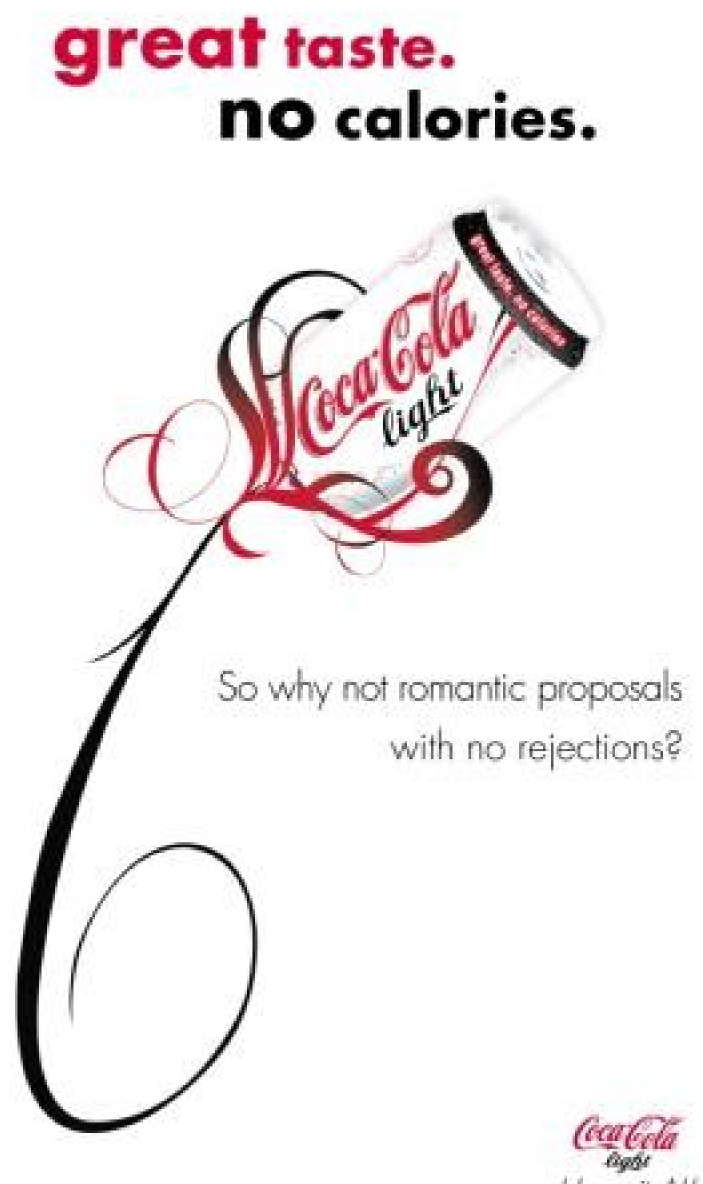
Casa Gorordo is the highlight of the Parian today. The low two-story structure is a typical late 19th-century construction.

Capped by a steep tile-covered roof ending in slightly upturned eaves recalling Chinese architecture (and the Chinese ancestry of most Parian residents), blocks of coral mined from the sea enclose its ground floor beneath an upper floor of the finest hardwood once available from the forests.

The furniture reflects the eclectic taste of the 19th century. Pieces acquired from the former owners include Chinese furniture inlaid with mother-of-pearl, Chinese porcelain pedestals and cache pots, Spanish chandeliers, bedroom furniture hand-carved in Cebu, and family portraits, all reflecting the fusion of cultures that existed during the era.

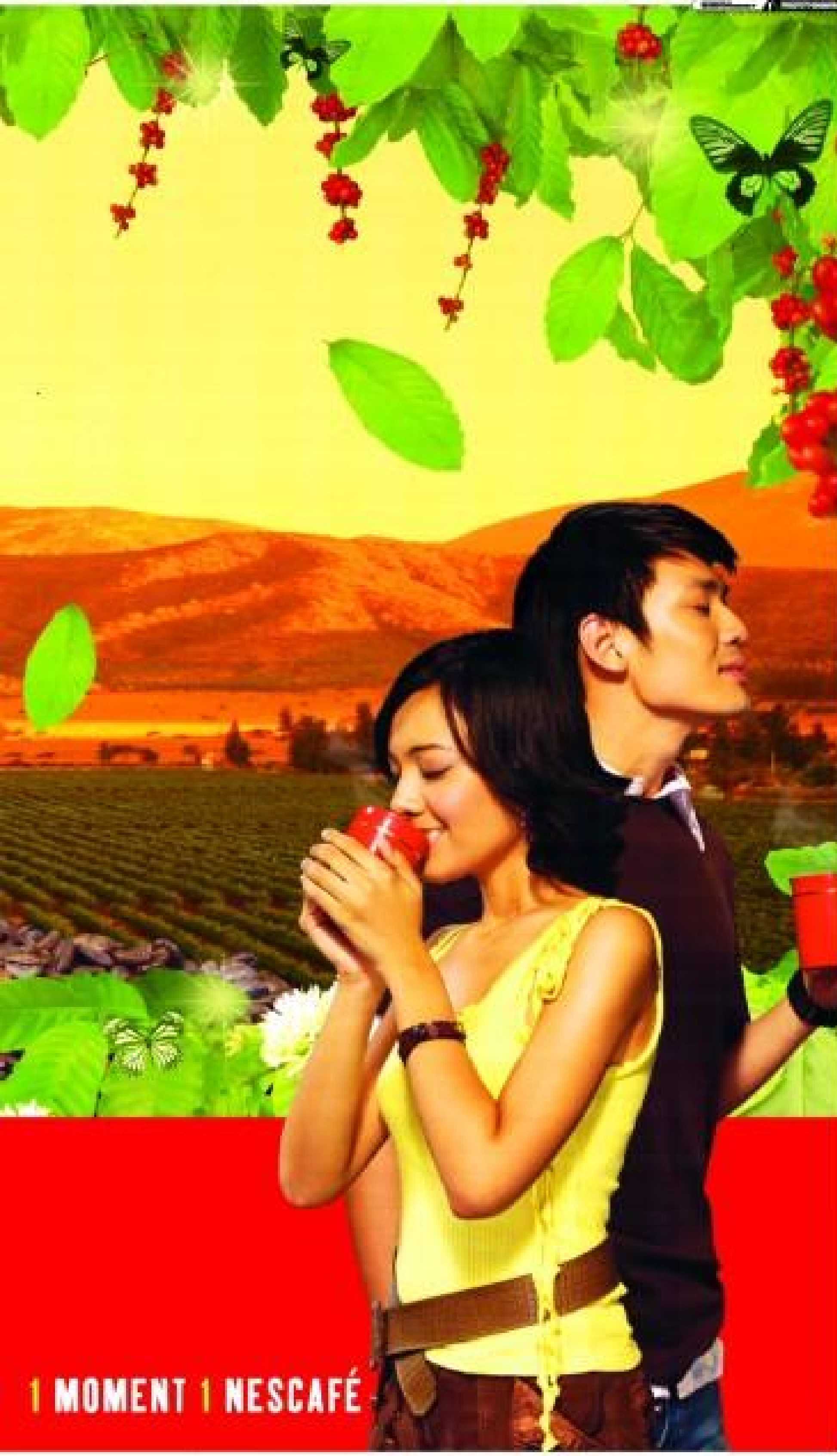
Other furniture pieces in the Casa Gorordo collection are appropriately from the Cebu-Bohol area. Owing to the location of Cebu as a major shipping and trade center with contacts throughout the country, furniture from Luzon is also represented. Woodcarving, narra veiling covering, and most of the decorative art

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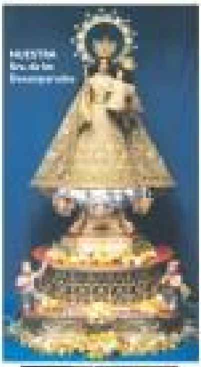




1 FRESH TASTE & AROMA
1 NEW NESCAFÉ CLASSIC


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Feast of Marian icons in 'Salve Regina' exhibit









1907 GOLD canonical crown of La Virgen del Rosario



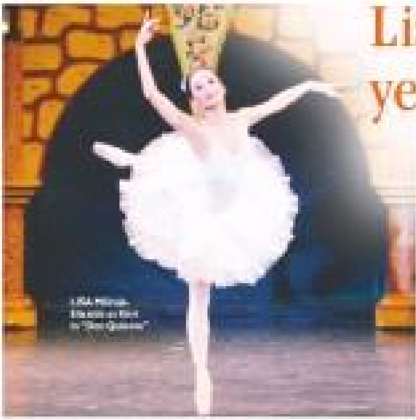






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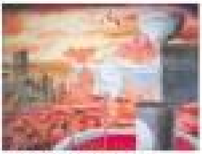
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Her ballet company



Neo-Expressionism of the edgiest kind



"FOUNTAIN of the Vampires"





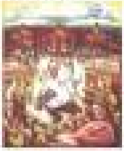
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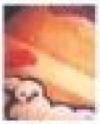
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Nightmare visions

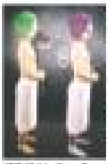
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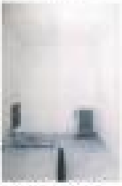












Vinzons town marks heritage day

Symphonic band music is alive

By Antonio C. Hila
Contributor



CLARINET section of the Philippine Youth Symphonic Band



SYMPHONIC BAND music keeps its enticing appeal. In "Live to Play, Play to Live," which featured the Philippine Youth Symphonic Band (PYSB) conducted by Ronny San Jose in full concert, with Gary Valenciano as featured soloist and Cristine Bersola Babao as emcee, at The Rockwell Tent beside the Power Plant Mall.

The performance came as a big surprise, disabusing one's impression that symphonic band music for the youth is passé. The PYSB, in fact, rises to fight all that extinction as it aims to preserve the country's heritage in symphonic band music, said Irene Amores, chair of the Young Musicians Development Organization, which manages the band.

This was, in fact, the primary consideration when two years ago in May, a National Youth Summer Camp was held in Tanay, Rizal, gathering some 120 participants from all over the country, their ages ranging 10-22, from whom some 65 musicians were chosen to form the PYSB.

Some 15 prolific clinicians and instructors from the UST Conservatory, UP College of Music, Asian Institute for Liturgical Music, Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, San Miguel Philharmonic Orchestra, and Manila Philharmonic Orchestra handled the camp.

Indeed, musical talents among our youths abound. The sound of the band was solid, luminous and vibrant. Musical sense was impeccable, and ensemble playing was impressive.

The musicians played with zeal, and enjoyed every bit of music they made. One listened in delighted abandon all the more when Gary Valenciano fused his talent with the band and he bubbled with energy.

The musicians showed remarkable adeptness in playing their instruments. All played with ease, and on equal footing with each other.

From the woodwinds to the brasses and even percussions, all played with verve. They could all be soloists in their own right. The sound the collective score was superb!

Versatile

And they were versatile, too. From the classics, they crossed over to Broadway and popular standards with astounding finesse.

San Jose's medley of folk songs, "Philippine Medley," was an effective opener. A whiff of nostalgia marked one's listening, as the overture was the opening theme of the defunct and sorely missed "Concert at the Park," a Sunday concert at the Luneta Park, which was brought live to the living rooms by television during the martial-law years.



GARY Valenciano jams with the PYSB.

Symphonic fineness was heightened in Berlioz's "Roman Carnival Overture" (arranged by [illegible]). The band kept the melodic line from one instrument to the other and formed a resounding collective sound with dynamic clarity and projection.

Thirteen-year-old John Benedict Clarito got a hearty applause when he wielded the baton and score in Harold Walters' "Instant Concert."

Besides, stories came from movie themes such as "Superman," "Pirates of the Caribbean," and "The Incredibles." More thunderous applause after that.

Gary V infused more energy onstage. "Break Me," "How Did You Know" and "Spirit" set the audience in high spirits as they sang along with him. Gary V thanked the audience and said it was a big privilege for him to perform with the talented band.

"Because of your patronage, music is in good hands," he said.

The band had a grand time singing, dancing and playing in "We're All in This Together," which capped the program.

At intermission, John Silva, an auctioneer, bid out [illegible] furniture items. The concert cum auction was a fund drive, said Amores.

Proceeds went to the Philippine School of Interior Design, Advance Class 2006, and the PYSB. The band will use the money for its rehearsal band, for its "fighting gear" [illegible], she said.

The band has performed in schools, malls and parks, and has brought symphonic band music alive and kicking. Clad in denims and shirts, the band all the more projected its youthful, new-generation appeal.

In the spirit of the [illegible] economic situation that confronts the country today the message is clear. "Music need not be [illegible]," said Amores.

'Midwives' of opera

From page B4

What does it take to be good répétiteur?

Intelligence and good musical instincts.

"You also need lots of musical sensitivity, good sight-reading skills, patience and lots of flexibility and good pianistic skills," Tapia adds.

When do singers become heroes or, as the case may be, colossal nightmares?

"They are your little darlings when they come prepared, when they show great musical instincts, as a mere crescendo in a musical passage can take on a totally different meaning."

Répétiteurs experience a lot of hell in rehearsal when singers sing flat or sharp, forget lines and [illegible].

By the way, tenor-baritone Andrew Fernando, who sings the title role in [illegible], will be heard in a solo recital at Paco Museum in Pasig City on Oct. 14, 3 p.m. Pianist Mary Anne Espina will accompany.

Fernando, along with tenor Gerald Gonzaga, opened the 2006 Pasig Summer Music Festival and got a long-standing ovation after their "Pearl Fishers" duet.

Orchestra and lodge center tickets to the Dec. 9 Christmas spectacular of Gonzaga with [illegible] and the Manila Philharmonic Orchestra under Rodel Colmenar are fast disappearing.

For tickets to the Gonzaga concert at Philamlife and the Andrew Fernando solo concert in Paco Museum, call 9405023 or 0905-5184270.

PBT at 20

We joined the Philippine Ballet Theater in observing its 20th year on the ballet scene and watched a matinee performance of "The Best of PBT" the other Sunday.

Easily the afternoon's dazzlers were Petipa's "Paquita" and David Campos Cantero's "Carmina Burana." [illegible]

The next attraction of PBT is the full-length ballet, "Esmeralda," at the CCP Main Theater Nov. 17-19, and at the Meralco Theater Nov. 25-26.

UST concert

That was a gratifying concert presented by the UST Conservatory of Music, featuring pianist Mary Anne Espina with bassoon player Adolfo Mendoza and clarinet player Ariel Sta. Ana, at the Philamlife Theater the other week.

These two hardly heard musical instruments were at their best in Glinka's Trio Pathetique and Poulenc's Sonata for Clarinet and Bassoon. The evening also saw the performance of Fr. Manuel Maramba's Improvisation for Clarinet. The concert ended with the highly popular Libertango by Piazzolla.

Pianist's birthday concert

Mozart and Schumann were the main musical highlights of the birthday celebration of pianist Jonathan Aurelio Coo in the house of environment advocate Odette Alcantara. With no less than former First Lady Imelda Romualdez and pianist Raul Sunico as special guests, the celebration saw special performances by [illegible].

Largest painting

The Do-Re-Spot Artists Association (Dasa) is in the middle of an art event called "The World's Largest Painting on Continuous Canvas" through a five-kilometer artwork on the theme "Fishes on the Ocean."

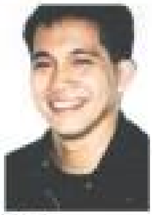
To date, the actual length painted is 2,000 meters done by 1,530 artists. The finished artwork will be presented in November to the World Art Experience 2006 in [illegible], Rizal, where the first Global Art Olympics will be held.

[illegible] says that since the work is [illegible], they will work for the proclamation of the longest painting as a World Heritage Treasure of the New Millennium.

The painting saga runs until Oct. 7. For inquiries, e-mail [illegible]@yahoo.com.

They are the unsung heroes of 'Eugene Onegin,' which opens this weekend





PIANISTS Mary Anne Espina and Najib Ismail

REPETITEURS

'Midwives' of opera

By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

THEY MAKE SURE THAT THE SINGERS know the music inside out. They iron out problems on interpretation and tempo and coordination with orchestra.

They are the ones who rehearse the singers and chorus before the appearance of the conductor and the orchestra. They are the ones who remind singers if they are going flat or sharp. They make sure that the character jibes perfectly with the music.

In other words, they are the comadronas and "midwives" who make the safe delivery of the baby called opera. Without them, no opera production can take place.

I am referring to what are known in opera parlance as the repetiteurs.

When "Eugene Onegin" by the University of Santo Tomas Conservatory of Music opens at the Cultural Center of the Philippines this weekend (Sept. 29-30, with a 3 p.m. matinee on Saturday), part of the credit should go to repetiteurs Najib Ismail and Mary Anne Espina.

Like the conductor, Ismail and Espina, who also teach at the UST Conservatory, have to study the music ahead of time and decide when the singers are ready to face the orchestra.

Najib elaborates on the work of repetiteurs: "With the conductor, we discuss the musical ideas and we act as mediators between him and the singers. We have to find out what will work and won't work for a singer in terms of tempo, balance and musical lines. In the process, you get great insight because you actually become the orchestra and actually try to calculate its sound."

Other than this, Najib says repetiteurs [illegible] actually get to play the entire opera.

"The opportunity of playing an entire opera is indescribable and musically gratifying," he points out. "It somehow broadens you as a musician."

Before "Onegin," Najib has worked as repetiteur for the CCP production of "La Boheme." He actually got a repetiteur scholarship in Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts and worked in the Hong Kong productions of Strauss' "Die Fledermaus," Mozart's "The Magic Flute," Offenbach's "La Vie Parisienne," Rossini's "La Cambiale di Matrimonio."

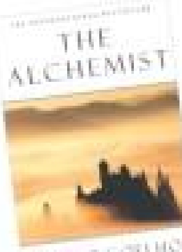
What is the toughest work of repetiteurs?

Najib says it's the endless number of hours that repetiteurs have to commit.

He explains: "After rehearsing all the singers, you have to be on call for last minute coachings. You need lots of patience for repeated stage rehearsals, and you have to be physically in good shape as operas—as orchestral reductions for the piano are not at all easy to play. The length of the work alone (two to three hours in performance) and the same number of hours per rehearsal can be extremely exhausting both physically and mentally."

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LifeStyle





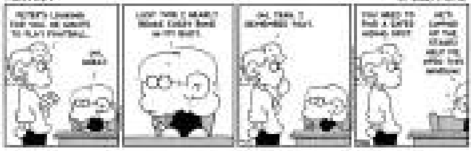
10 fiction bestsellers

"THE ALCHEMIST," by Paulo Coelho—With the help of several enchanted strangers, an Andalusian shepherd boy learns to listen to himself.

"Confessions of a Shopaholic," by Sophie Kinsella—Becky Bloomwood has a fabulous flat in London's trendiest neighborhood, a troupe of glamorous socialite friends, and a closet brimming with the season's must-haves. The only trouble is that she can't actually afford any of it.

"Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time," by

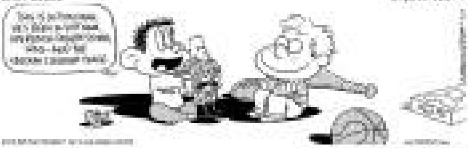
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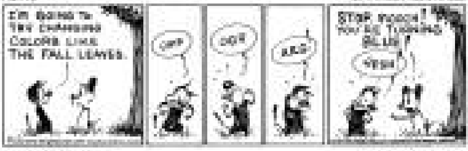
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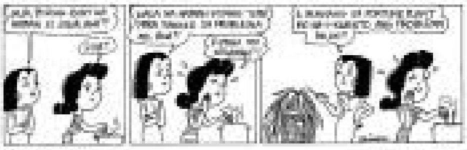
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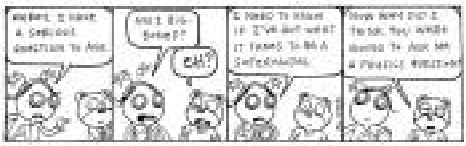
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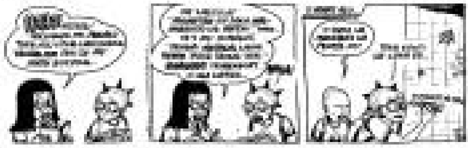
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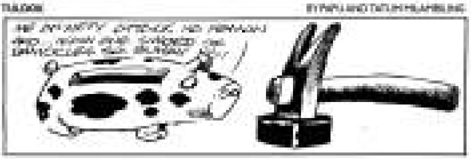
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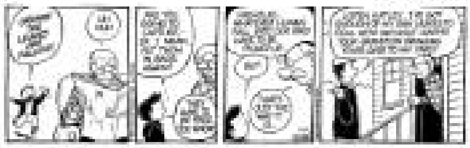
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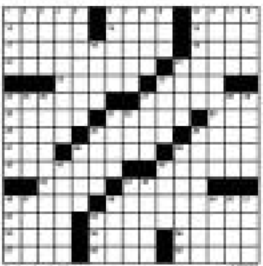
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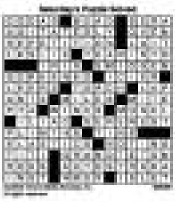


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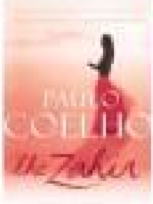
Writers, artists discover the kids in themselves



Ani literary mag to be launched at Conspiracy Cafè tomorrow







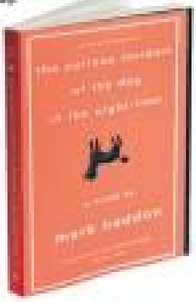



10 fiction bestsellers

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Mark Haddon—Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically gifted, autistic 15-year-old boy decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.

"The Zahir," by Paulo Coelho—In this absorbing novel, the author of "The Alchemist" retrieves the Zahir, the notion that Borges used as the symbol of a consuming obsession. In this instance, the object of obsession is the wife of a famed novelist who disappears inexplicably while returning home from a family trip.



"Veronika Decides to Die," by Paulo Coelho—In this fable-like novel, a fictional character named Veronika decides to kill herself when faced with all that is wrong with the world and how powerless she feels to change anything. Although she survives her failed suicide attempt, she is committed to a mental hospital where she begins to wrestle with the meaning of mental illness and whether forced drugging should be inflicted on patients who don't fit into the narrow definition of "normal."

"The Devil Wears Prada" by Lauren Weisberger—Andrea Sachs, a small-town girl fresh out of college, lands the job "a million girls would die for." Hired as the assistant to Miranda Priestly, the high-profile, fabulously successful editor of Runway magazine, Andrea finds herself in an office that shouts Prada! Armani! Versace! at every turn, a world populated by impossibly thin, heart-stoppingly stylish women and beautiful men clad in fine-ribbed turtlenecks and tight leather pants that show off their lifelong dedication to the gym. With breathtaking ease, Miranda can turn each and every one of these hip sophisticates into a scared, whimpering child.

"Love in the Time of Cholera," by Gabriel Garcia Marquez—From the Nobel Prize-winning author of "One Hundred Years of Solitude" comes a smooth evocation of an unrequited passion so strong that it binds three people's lives together for more than 50 years.

"The Five People You Meet in Heaven," by Mitch Albom—From the author of the phenomenal No. 1 New York Times bestseller "Tuesdays with Morrie," the novel explores the unexpected connections of our lives, and the idea that heaven is more than a place, it's an answer.

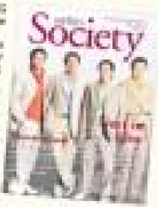


"The Devil and Miss Prym," by Paulo Coelho—In an old-school parable of good and evil. When a stranger enters the isolated mountain town of Viscos with the devil literally by his side, the widow Berta knows (because her deceased husband, with whom she converses daily, tells her) that a battle for the town's souls has begun.

"100 Years of Solitude," by Gabriel Garcia Marquez—The novel tells the story of the rise and fall of the mythical town of Macondo through the history of the Buendia family. It is a rich and brilliant chronicle of life and death, and the tragicomedy of humankind. In the noble, ridiculous, beautiful, and tawdry story of the Buendia family, one sees all of humanity, just as in the history, myths, growth, and decay of Macondo, one sees all of Latin America.

The books are the best-selling fiction works from PowerBooks, which has branches at Greenbelt 4 ([illegible]), SM Megamall ([illegible]), Alabang Town Center ([illegible]), Shangri-La 3 ([illegible]), Shangri-La ([illegible]), Robinson's Place Ermita ([illegible]) and SM Mall of Asia ([illegible]).

Metro Society marks 2nd year with Coco Banana party



THE COUNTRY'S RISING talents are on the cover of the new issue of Metro Society.

The theme on generation is played up by a photo essay on grandmothers, including President Macapagal-Arroyo.

An article by Ting Ting Cojuangco traces the Manila society, while another by [illegible] reports about the Cebu Heritage Society.

Featured destination is Club Noah Isabelle in Palawan while dining finds include Shangri-La Makati's Inagiku and Philippine Plaza's Spiral.

On Sept. 29, Metro Society celebrates its second anniversary at Edsa Shangri-La with a party that will relive the days of Coco Banana in the '70s—a golden era of partying, disco music and glitter balls.

The party will have the support of Shangri-La, Motorola, Globe and Belo, and also Coco Banana icons Renee Santiago, [illegible] and [illegible].

Other supporters are [illegible], Fleishman, [illegible], Premier Wine & Spirits Inc. and Cosway Marketing Corp.

Book on future leaders of indigenous groups released

"MAKE A CONNECTION: Nurturing Future Leaders," published by Consuelo Foundation with the support of Nokia and International Youth Foundation (IYF), was recently launched.

It chronicles the implementation and results of the Make a Connection Philippine experience, complete with testimonials from the youth beneficiaries themselves.

The Make a Connection Project is a collaboration of Nokia's Community Development Program and the IYF. Started in 2000, it has benefited over 200,000 youths in 24 countries.

The Philippine project, supervised by Consuelo Foundation, is known as the Philippine Indigenous Youth Leadership Training Program. It was launched in 2002 and is undertaken by 13 different organizations for 16 cultural groups. Majority of the projects are in Mindanao.

The project, focusing on indigenous youth, provides culture-based leadership and life-skills training, as well as small start-up funds for livelihood projects.

Through the program, indigenous youth learn to appreciate their unique cultures, and use this awareness in applying their skills in various positive and productive endeavors.

In a study conducted by the Heller School of Management of Brandeis University, 91 percent of beneficiaries were involved in their communities by initiating or volunteering for various youth programs. They also became economically self-reliant through the livelihood projects they started.

ENTERTAINMENT



Buboy goes digital, too

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

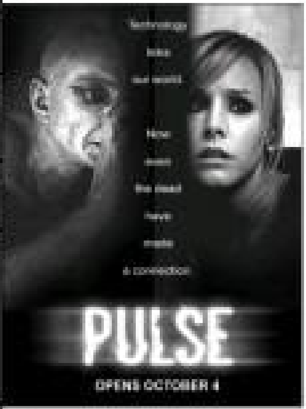
On top of a Ninoy bio-pic, Cesar Montano is working on a 'star-studded, low-budget' film and a TV show with Boyet de Leon

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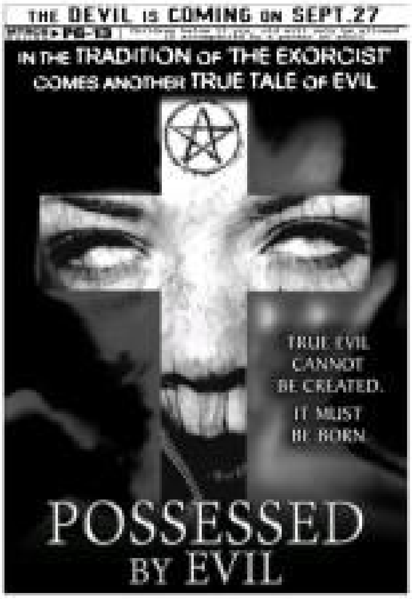
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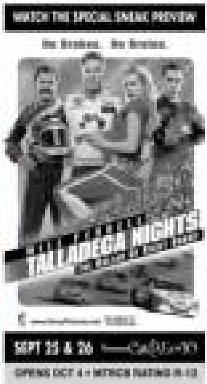






Rupert Everett spills the beans on H'wood


MADONNA and Rupert Everett in 1999











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Rupert Everett spills . . .

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Hot affairs

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Anniversary album



THE DAWN has released a commemorative album on the band's music in the last two decades.

Just like the semi-biographical film with the same title, "Tulad Ng Dati" features the band's hits, including "Enveloped Ideas," "Iisang Bangka Tayo," "Salamat" and "Tulad Ng Dati" in a two-disc CD pack manufactured and distributed by Warner Music Philippines.

These songs have been re-recorded and re-arranged with the help of the band's newest member, bass guitarist Buddy Zabala. Zabala is joined by vocalist Jett Pangan, drummer JB Leonor and guitarist Francis Reyes.

The album is available at SM malls, Odyssey, and Tower Records.

SPIN CITY

'Ladies First'

Mannequin re-introduces Rock in the alternative scene with the 11-track debut CD "Ladies First," where it pays tribute to women.

The songs tackle relationships, women's issues, moods, changes and other female-related stuff.

Mannequin is vocalist Ebona Santos, bassist Mike Cabrera, lead guitarist Wendell "Bebe" Ygot, drummer Cesar "Kargo" de los Santos and keyboardist Jeremy Mallorca.

The album is released under Sony BMG Music Entertainment.

Timberlake's latest

Justin Timberlake returns with "Future Sex/Love Sounds," carrying the hit single "SexyBack," which he also co-wrote and co-produced.

Other tracks are "Sexy Ladies," "My Love," "Love Stoned," "What Goes Around...," "Chop Me Up," "Damn Girl," "Summer Love," "Until The End of Time" and "Losing My Way."

The album is now out on CDs under Sony BMG Music Entertainment.

Justin is scheduled to host and perform at the MTV European Music Awards on Nov. 2 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

'CinemaIKLI/CinemaHABA' at UP



POLO Ravales in "Kagat ng Dilim"

CINEMA AS ART MOVEment, a student organization based at the UP College of Fine Arts, is celebrating its 10th anniversary in cooperation with the UP Film Institute with a festival of short films and one long feature film.

Call 926-3640 for tickets.



Caption: "... Walton and Joel Torre in "Batang West Side""





Flesby fantasies and sad realities

REVIEW



A SCENE from "Twilight Dancers"

Parental love, sacrifice and survival vivified in 'Penguin, Penguin'

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre



"PENGUIN, Penguin, Paano Ka Ginawa?"

Martial arts week starts Oct. 1

TAKE a UNIQUE JOURNEY INTO THE world of martial arts via the National Geographic Channel's (NGC) Martial Arts Week beginning Oct. 1 p.m. at 9 p.m.

"Fight Science" (Oct. 1) features masters of karate, kung fu, taekwondo, muay Thai and ninjutsu, and their weapons, including throwing stars, samurai swords and nunchakus.

"Kung Fu Killers" (Oct. 2) focuses on the 18 deadliest kung fu weapons of all time.

"Kick Fighters" (Oct. 3) profiles three tournament favorites in the K1 World Max Championship—rival Thai champ [illegible], Japan's number one kid [illegible] Masato and 2004 K1 Champion [illegible].

"Kung Fu Monk" (Oct. 5) features Shaolin monk Shi Yan Ming who can shatter bricks with his head, sleep standing on one leg, and lie on a bed of nails while a sledgehammer crushes concrete blocks on his chest.

"Samurai Sword" (Oct. 6) tells how a razor-sharp katana or samurai sword is forged in Japan from a mixture of charcoal and the purest iron sand heated to over 1000 degrees Celsius—a process that generations of metal smiths and warriors have worked on for centuries to perfect.



"KUNG Fu Killers"



"SAMURAI Sword"



"KUNG Fu Monk"

TV SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

Racing to the maternity ward?



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